

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 21, 27 and 36; claims 38-40 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 21-36 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 21, 27, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 21, 27 and 31 have been amended to correct the failure to comply rejection. Support for the amendment may be found in Figure 3, security server 14, key 16, and paragraphs 71-73 in the specification. The specification describes sending the key 16 from the Security Server to the Network 33, wherein the Network 33 is disclosed as a SMS network.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 38-40. As the Examiner has suggested, claims 21, 27 and 31 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore no amendments have been made to narrow the scope of the pending claims or to create any sort of estoppel.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 21-36 and 38-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurzeja, (US Patent No. 6633982). In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has amended claims 21, 27 and 31 to incorporate the limitations of allowable claims 38-40.

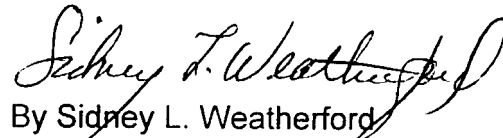
Amended independent claims 21, 27 and 31 now contain allowable subject matter and the respective depending claims also contain the same limitations. The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21-36.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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